

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

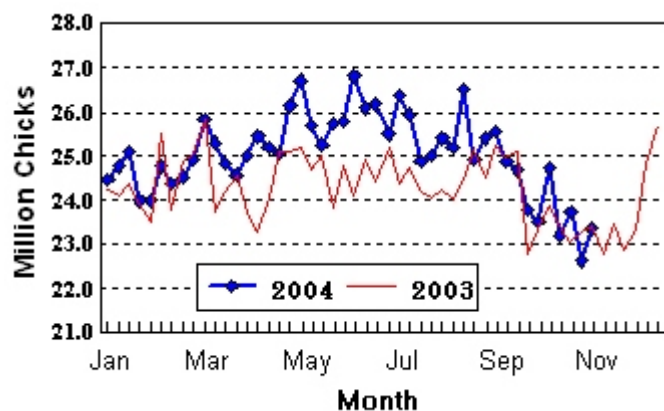
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.4 million during the week ending November 13, 2004. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2003, but up 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 13, 2004 were 1.15 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.7 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

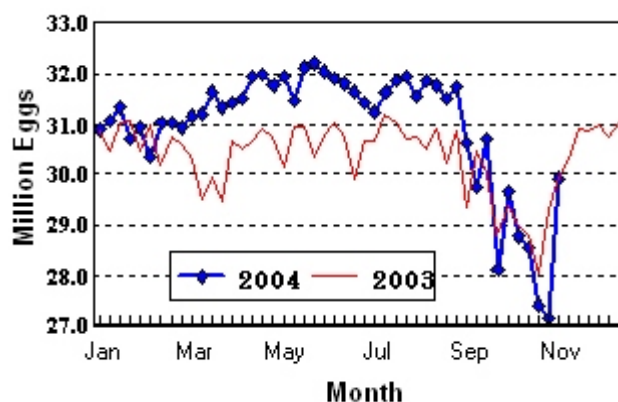
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 13, 2004, down slightly from the same period last year, but up 10 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 9	23,333	23,492	101	25,229	24,524	97	29,386	29,684	101
Oct. 16	23,886	24,724	104	24,796	25,353	102	28,989	28,802	99
Oct. 23	23,387	23,205	99	23,882	23,259	97	28,783	28,574	99
Oct. 30	23,060	23,732	103	24,292	24,573	101	28,042	27,423	98
Nov. 6	23,263	22,634	97	24,131	23,869	99	29,304	27,142	93
Nov. 13	23,410	23,366	100	23,971	23,693	99	29,978	29,931	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov		09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov	
Alabama	26,886 *	27,822	28,200	29,059	98	19,976	20,494	20,948	20,203	20,375	19,177	98
ARKANSAS	28,574 *	27,423	27,142	29,931	100	23,492 *	24,724 *	23,205 *	23,732 *	22,634 *	23,366	100
Delaware	3,366	3,500	3,809	3,464	98	4,644	5,062	4,631	5,463	5,694	5,719	133
Florida	1,356 *	1,345	1,300 *	1,317	97	1,555	1,538	1,512	1,563	1,495	1,615	96
Georgia	31,182	31,686	30,880 *	32,706	99	26,100	23,611	25,816	26,515	25,097 *	24,814	110
Kentucky	5,838	7,010	6,995 *	6,977	102	5,574	5,721	5,653	5,947	4,853 *	5,267	101
Louisiana	3,573	3,983	3,982	3,984	103	3,655	3,659	3,410	3,578	3,418	3,385	99
Maryland	7,967	8,547	8,504	8,316	99	4,567	5,605	6,000	4,728	4,244	4,042	77
Mississippi	18,286 *	17,752	18,722	18,681	102	15,656	16,101	16,306	16,567	16,207	16,357	107
N. Carolina	16,852 *	17,604	17,058	17,076	94	13,669	14,410	13,830	13,216	13,811 *	14,239	100
Oklahoma	6,331 *	5,699 *	6,255	6,251	98	4,304	4,805	3,779	4,749 *	5,460	4,720	108
Pennsylvania	3,588	3,910 *	3,886 *	3,841	104	2,434	2,573	2,794	2,803 *	2,633 *	2,663	110
S. Carolina	4,583	4,415	4,387	4,542	121	4,537	4,435	3,951	4,538	3,897 *	3,530	106
Texas	13,169 *	14,480	14,795	14,391	99	11,102	12,594	12,010	12,356	11,513	10,967	102
Virginia	6,573	5,987	6,274	6,330	96	4,820	4,794	4,699	5,103	5,028 *	5,270	94
CA,MO,IN,WV	16,261	16,756	17,632 *	18,199	104	15,062 *	14,677 *	16,563 *	15,584 *	15,628 *	16,065	118
Total 2004	194,385 *	197,919 *	199,821 *	205,065		161,147 *	164,803 *	165,107 *	166,645 *	161,987 *	161,196	
Total 2003	190,088	192,346	201,076	205,395		157,612	160,266	159,007	160,094	153,618	155,123	
%Prev. Year	102	103	99	100		102	103	104	104	105	104	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004-2005.....						27-Nov	04-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec	01-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 205 million eggs during the week ending November 13, 2004. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 13, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 13, 2004 were 7.88 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.